

Delaware wildfire crew returns to First State



Delaware's wildfire crew on the Henry's Creek Fire near Idaho Falls. The 52,972-acre blaze was 100 percent contained on September 1, thanks to the crew and other fire personnel. The crew then fought the Grape Creek Fire near Elba, Idaho.

After two weeks of battling wildfires in the rugged terrain of Idaho, a Delaware wildfire crew is returning to [Blackbird State Forest](#) (502 Blackbird Forest Road, Smyrna, 19977) on September 11 at approximately 8 a.m.

The team was [dispatched by the Delaware Forest Service on August 25](#) at a time when the [National Fire Preparedness Level](#) was 4 on a 5-point scale. Over the past 14 days, the team first tackled the [52,972-acre Henry's Creek Fire](#), located seven miles east of Idaho Falls. Thanks to the efforts of Delaware's crew and other firefighters, the Henry's Creek Fire reached 100% containment on September 1, 2016. From there, the crew battled the [1260-acre Grape Creek Fire](#), located six miles southwest of Elba, Idaho. The lightning-caused blaze started on September 1 and was situated in the steep 8500-foot terrain

of the Sawtooth National Forest. When the weather permitted, the crew took a helicopter up to the fireline each day.



This is the second crew that Delaware has sent out this summer. The [Delaware Forest Service dispatched firefighters to Colorado](#) on July 25. They battled the 492-acre Milk Fire near Craig, Colorado and the [1,287-acre Tokewanna Fire](#) near Mountain View, Wyoming. They finished up on the [12,276-acre Whit Fire](#), east of Yellowstone National Park near Cody, Wyoming.

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